**Activity report**

Site: **Endamohoni Woreda PA-Embahasti and Tsibet**

*I: Description of the activity*

What is the nature of the activity?

**Field day- for farmers and experts**

What were the objectives of the activity?

* **To bring Stakeholders, Strategic IP members, Operation IP members, all FRGs involved in Africa RISING research activities and non-participating farmers to visit the research activities in 2014 Meher season.**
* **To foster learning and farmers-to-farmers field level experience sharing for potential scaling up/out**

Who organized/originated the activity?

**Endamohoni Africa RISING** **Site coordinators, IP technical group members and ILRI researchers**

Date of the activity- **November 2-2014**

*II: Participation by IP actors in the activity (attach IP register for verification)*

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| **Number of organizations or actors grouped by the type of organization** | **Number** |
| Number of male farmers | 177 |
| Number of female farmers | 76 |
| Number of research organizations (Local and International) | 6 |
| Number of policy organizations (including Zonal Woreda or kebele offices) | 7 |
| Number of NGOs | 1 |
| Number of farmer groups (clusters) represented | 9 |
| Number of private sector organizations | 0 |
| Number of other groups and specify (e.g. farmer organizations, women group, youth group etc.) | 2 |

*III: Narrative description of the activity (Around 300 words)*

Briefly describe the key elements of the activity-What went well and what did not go well?

**The field day was held in the morning and afternoon in the two kebeles. PVS trials on bread wheat, potato, faba bean, food and malt barley, fodder intervention (oat and vetch), and highland fruit (apple) were among the visited AR research activities. Interesting discussions took place among participants such as the pros and cons of 20cm and 30cm raw spacing for wheat and faba bean in which the former is AR recommendation and the latter- the regional bureau of agriculture.**

* **Except disease affected faba bean fields in some places, all the experiments were on excellent condition which made participants, particularly, visiting farmers very happy.**
* **The field day witnessed a high level of participant and non-participant farmers presence and active participation on field discussion**
* **The attempt to cover two distant kebeles in a single filed day event affected the chance for a better in-depth discussion on each plots**
* **Serious faba bean disease affected farmer-to-farmer experience sharing on the enterprise**

What key ‘next steps’ emerged from the activity

* **Next research activities to give more emphasis on crop disease in general and faba bean disease in particular**
* **To examine the cost-benefit in the raw spacing (20cm and 30cm) and recommended the best one for the future**
* **To deal with seed shortage, a mechanism needs to be arranged for farmer to farmer seed exchange than selling it in market. In this way each kebele can cover its seed demand on its own**